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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION ON  
MAAGS AND SIMILAR ADVISORY MISSIONS OVERSEAS

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1. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD RETAIN THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF THE MILITARY GROUP IN BOLIVIA FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TWO FISCAL YEARS IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE RECEIPT OF MAP GRANT MATERIEL TO EQUIP FIVE MOBILE REGIMENTS WHICH WE ARE COMMITTED TO ASSIST. PRESENTLY THERE IS A BACKLOG OF FINANCED BUT UNDELIVERED MATERIEL OF BETWEEN \$4- AND \$5 MILLION. WE ANTICIPATE FINANCING IN FY 76 AND FY 77 \$4- TO \$5 MILLION DOLLARS ADDITIONAL OF MATERIEL. WE NEED TO HAVE ADVISERS ON HAND TO ASSIST IN TRAINING THE BOLIVIANS IN THE PROPER USE OF THIS MATERIEL WHEN IT ARRIVES.

2. I CAN VISUALIZE SOME SLIGHT REDUCTIONS IN THE AIR FORCE SECTION IF NO FURTHER MAP GRANT MATERIEL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE. OUR NAVY MISSION CONSISTS OF TWO POSITIONS AND SERVES AS A USEFUL LIAISON TO THE BOLIVIAN NAVAL FORCES. PARTICULARLY THIS IS IMPORTANT AS WE CLOSE OUT THE ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE POSITION WHICH HAS CONDUCTED NAVAL LIAISON WORK IN THE PAST.

3. WHEN THE MAP GRANT MATERIEL DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON AT LEAST A PREPONDERANCE OF COMPLICATED MATERIEL I BELIEVE THE  
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US CAN WELL MOVE TOWARD REDUCING THE MILITARY GROUP AND COMBINING

IT WITH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE. IN LIGHT OF EXISTING  
CONDITIONS I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN UNTIL FY 1979  
AT THE EARLIEST.  
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